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ually reliable safeguard against ravages of chicken cholera if fed to broodflocks twice each week. But this should be sided by always providing plenty of water and clean and house. Soft food should always be lightly salted, to assist in aiding the digestive organs healthy.

Household Hints.

To remove stains on sponges, caused by spoiled eggs, rub with common salt, tomatoes, etc., covered with cloth, muslin, or chintz, will be improved by occasional cleaning with bran, and a kneel.

Carpetings from oiled floors should immediately be placed in the open air, where they are liable to spontaneous combustion.

Black marble may be thus polished:— Rub the marble with soap and warm water, and when it is dry rub it well with furniture paste or French polish, then rub it over with an old silk handkerchief. After two or three trials the marble will become quite bright.

A Bird's Nest Lined with Gold.

A writer in the *Philadelphia Times* tells the following story of a pugnacious and tricky English sparrow that had:

even a pair of robins from the trees at the top of the hill. This is the point.

"This mildly flew—the sparrows are all an avaricious set—after driving the robins out, has occupied a box for two seasons without even a touch as a male. As might be supposed, one who is able to do that is foremost in looking out for himself in every way. Among the girls, and even among the boys, it is not so; nearly all of them bring their dinner with them, this particular sparrow has been long a favorite because of his boldness; and so freely does he fly in the windows and fit in the back door of the smelting-room to pick up crumbs, that they jealously say he is the only one who has the 'free run of the mill.' He is a very good fellow in the building went where Mr. Sparrow has his nest, and, pecking into the box to see if there were any of the young folks at home, as the boys love to do, he was surprised upon drawing

is fingers out to see them sparkling in the bright sunshine. No mixer who strikes an unexpected vein was more excited than that boy as he seized the rock and carried the whole thing down the inside where it was found that the inside was not only lined with gold dust, but that accumulations of the precious metal had formed a sort of a carpet of sparkling, soft yellow gold, the whole proving a veritable bonanza. The sparrows were not the only birds. The small tinitties, the gold dust in its centers, which it shook out when it was taken its toll in the morning.

EFFECTS OF TOBACCO SMOKES ON YOUTH.

Dr. F. Deane has made special observations of the effects of tobacco in thirty-eight youths, from 9 to 15 years old, who were collected at smoking places. He found that the effects were a distinct disturbance of the circulation, with palpitation of the heart, deficiencies of digestion, sluggishness of the bowels, and a general

gluten of the intellect and a craving for alcoholic stimulants; in thirteen instances the pulse was intermittent. Analysis of the blood showed in eight cases a marked anemia, the red corpuscles being numbered red corpuscles. Twelve boys suffered frequently from bleeding of the nose. Ten complained of agitated sleep and constant nightmares. Four boys had ulcerated mouths, and one of them contracted consumption—the effect, Dr. Decanse believed, of the great deterioration of the blood, produced by the prolonged and excessive use of tobacco. In three marked symptoms that suffered least. Eleven of the boys had smoked for six months, eight for one year and sixteen for more than two years. Out of eleven boys who were induced to cease smoking, six were completely restored to normal health after six months, while the

Wilkes Booth's Body.

R. R. James, an old guardman of the Washington Arsenal, writes "I let the people know that J. Wilkes Booth is not living." And this is his reason for thinking so: "As to J. W. Booth's living, I take pleasure in announcing that it could never be. Booth was shot by the Corbett and I was taken to the Washington Arsenal. And one night when I was on guard, about 3 or four o'clock in the morning, on the dock, I saw a naval vessel come abreast of the arsenal and appeared as if she was fired with rockets and red lights and throwing signal buoys; and then a large ship's boat came to the dock, and I challenged them and they got the boat and I saw them. They went into the arsenal and brought out Booth's body and took it in the ship's boat, and the

boat took it to the ship, and then the ship returned in a week, and I asked one of the sailors and he said they fired Booth's body away in a sixty-four-pound Columbian gun into the Atlantic Ocean. I being a soldier at the same time and doing duty in Washington arsenal, and what I saw while a soldier there and guarding and hanging Mrs. Surrat and the rest of the conspirators, and which I state to be true, I know Booth's body never took the soil."

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